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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
West et al. )  
Application No.: 09/653,406 ) Art Unit: 1615  
Filed: September 1, 2000 ) Examiner: Di Nola Baron, L.  
For: Nitric Oxide-Producing Hydrogel )  
Materials )  
Docket No: 47400-0100  
(47400/252658)

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND**  
**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.113**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2002, please amend the application as indicated below and kindly consider the following remarks. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and \$55 check to cover the fee for a small entity. No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

**CERTIFICATION OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on April 24, 2003.

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